

Obituary.

SIR PARDEY LUKIS, K.C.S.I., M.D., F.R.C.S.,
DIRECTOR-GENERAL INDIAN MEDICAL SERVICE.

We regret to learn that Sir Pardey Lukis, Director-General of the Indian Medical Service, died in India on October 22nd, at the age of 60. He had a serious illness a couple of years ago, and it was to a recurrence of this malady that his death was due.

Charles Pardey Lukis was a son of the late Mr. W. H. Lukis, and received his medical education at St. Bartholomew's Hospital. He took the diplomas of M.R.C.S. and L.S.A. in 1879, and entered the Indian Medical Service in 1880, being at the top of the list of successful candidates. He graduated M.B.Lond. in 1889, took the diploma of F.R.C.S. in 1890, and the degree of M.D.Lond. in 1904. He was with the field forces engaged in Waziristan in 1881, and in the Zhob Valley three years later. He then transferred to the civil branch, and held various appointments in the United Provinces. He became civil surgeon of Simla in 1899, and honorary surgeon to the Viceroy in 1905. His first connexion with Calcutta was as professor of materia medica, and in 1905 he was appointed professor of medicine, principal of the Calcutta Medical College, and first physician of the College Hospital. He was selected to be Director-General of the Indian Medical Service at the beginning of 1910, and by successive extensions had held this post for nearly eight years, a longer period, we believe, than any previous occupant of the post enjoyed. Lukis, from the beginning of his time in India, gave himself up to the clinical side of his duties with all the remarkable ability and energy with which he was endowed, and continued to keep himself abreast of the progress of medicine and surgery. When he was advanced to the highest administrative medical post in India he was able to show that he had not failed fully to appreciate the importance which laboratory and field research had attained. He used the influence his position gave him to promote the formation of the Indian Research Fund Association, which has already done a great deal for research in India. How much may partly be gathered from the paper read for him at a meeting of the Royal Society of Arts last March and from the speech of Sir Havelock Charles on the same occasion.¹ Lukis was the first editor of the *Indian Journal of Medical Research*, issued by the Research Fund. He was the editor of Ghosh's *Materia Medica* and Waring's *Bazaar Medicines of India* and the author of a manual of *Tropical Hygiene*, a third edition of which, revised with the assistance of Lieut.-Colonel Blackham, appeared a couple of years ago.

The outbreak of war threw a great deal of increased responsibility upon Sir Pardey Lukis. The civil personnel of the service he directed was greatly depleted by the calls of military expeditions sent to Europe, Mesopotamia, and East Africa, and it will be remembered that the Mesopotamia Commission bore testimony to the energy and vigour with which he laboured to remedy defects and shortcomings during the short period for which he was Director of Medical Services in India. The energy displayed and the speed with which new proposals were carried through were highly praised by the Commission. He was commissioner for the St. John Ambulance Brigade in India and chairman of the Executive Committee of the St. John Ambulance Association in India. In these positions he did everything to favour the fine efforts made by the princes and people of India for the relief of the sick and wounded.

Sir Pardey received the C.S.I. in 1910, and was promoted K.C.S.I. in 1911. He became honorary surgeon to His Majesty in 1913. He is survived by his wife, a daughter of the late Colonel John Stewart, R.A., and by one son and three daughters. His eldest son, who gave every promise of following his father's successful medical career, accepted a commission in the London Regiment immediately after the outbreak of war, and was killed in March, 1915.

JOSHUA POWELL, M.R.C.S., L.S.A.,
NEWCASTLE EMLYN, MID WALES.

The death on October 21st of Dr. Joshua Powell, of Newcastle Emllyn, will cause widespread regret in the part of

¹ BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL, March 31st, 1917, p. 427.

Wales in which he has so long practised. He was ill only for a short time, the cause of death being pleuropneumonia. He received his medical education at University College, London, and took the diploma of M.R.C.S. in 1874, and that of L.S.A. in the following year. After holding the appointment of house-surgeon to the Royal Free Hospital, London, he settled in practice first at Rhydlewis, the village in which he was born sixty-seven years ago; afterwards he removed to the market town of Newcastle Emllyn, from which centre he carried on a large practice in the surrounding districts of Cardiganshire and Carmarthenshire. He was medical officer of health for Newcastle Emllyn urban district and Llandyssul rural district, and was also public vaccinator and certifying factory surgeon. He took an active part in the public work of the district, and was a justice of the peace for the counties of Carmarthen and Cardigan. He was a member of the British Medical Association, and had recently vacated the office of chairman of the South-West Wales Division.

Dr. Powell leaves a widow, a daughter, and a son, who is a member of the medical profession. The interment, which took place on October 25th at Twrgwyn, near Rhydlewis, was largely attended. Among those present was Colonel Lynn Thomas, C.B., C.M.G., who was a pupil of Dr. Powell's at Rhydlewis.

Dr. Joshua Powell was a fine specimen of the country practitioner, concealing under a somewhat rough exterior not only a kindness which endeared him to his patients and all the countryside, but also a sound practical knowledge of medicine and surgery, which he took care to keep fresh by constant reading of the newest books, preferring those which dealt with the principles of physiology and pathology. Goitre is very common in that part of Wales, and it was characteristic of Dr. Powell that one of the latest books he read was Major McCarrison's masterly volume on that bewildering subject.

Universities and Colleges.

UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD.

At a congregation held on October 18th the following medical degree was conferred:

M.B.—Samuel C. Varley.

UNIVERSITY OF CAMBRIDGE.

At a congregation held on October 18th, the Vice-Chancellor (Dr. A. E. Shipley) presiding, the following medical degrees were conferred:

M.D.—P. Stocks.

M.B., B.C.—K. B. Dickson, R. Francis-Jones.

UNIVERSITY OF ABERDEEN.

The General Council met on October 13th, when it was agreed to request the Secretary for Scotland to make an order continuing in office the four retiring assessors, one of whom is Colonel Scott Riddell, for another year, and empowering the court to deal with any casual vacancies. A report from the subcommittee of the Business Committee, suggesting certain alterations in the status of lecturers and assistants, and providing for their representation on the governing body, was remitted to the committee, as was also a report recommending the establishment of a Faculty of Commerce, after the principal had suggested that the people of Aberdeen, who profited so much from fisheries, should establish a fisheries lectureship in the University.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF EDINBURGH.

The following office-bearers have been elected for the ensuing year:—President: R. McKenzie Johnston. Vice-President and Representative on the General Medical Council: James W. B. Hodsdon. Secretary and Treasurer: George Mackay. Concener of Museum Committee: Charles W. Cathcart. Librarian: Harold J. Stiles.

The following gentlemen having passed the requisite examinations have been admitted Fellows: H. H. Christie, J. B. Leather, R. Parsons, M. C. Pruitt, H. A. Rippiner, D. Welsh.

SOCIETY OF APOTHECARIES OF LONDON.

The following candidates have been approved in the subjects indicated:

SURGERY.—*E. F. Deacon, *E. A. Leak, *I. Liberman.

MEDICINE.—*J. L. D. Buxton, *E. F. Deacon, *A. Magill, J. S. Matthews, *G. L. Mitchell, *J. H. Tighe.

FORENSIC MEDICINE.—J. L. D. Buxton, O. Halstead, J. S. Matthews, J. H. Tighe.

MIDWIFERY.—G. H. Fitzgerald, O. Halstead, S. G. Mohamed, S. Robinson, G. E. Spero, T. C. Stephen.

* Section I.

† Section II.

The diploma of the society was granted to Messrs. J. L. D. Buxton, E. F. Deacon, I. Liberman, and J. S. Matthews.